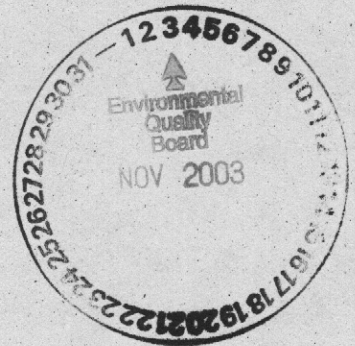


October 30, 2003

Mr. Bill Storm  
Department of Administration  
Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar Street, Room 300  
St. Paul, MN 55155



Dear Mr. Storm:

HDR, Inc appreciates the opportunity to respond to the comments from Lawrence Filter, Mn/DOT Design Engineer for District 7, on the NGPP Minnesota Biomass project.

Mr. Filter's letter, dated October 7, 2003, provided additional information on the approximate route and timing of the T.H. 14 reconstruction in the Waseca area, and the possible effect that that construction would have on the NGPP Minnesota Biomass project. HDR would like to thank Mr. Filter for providing this clarification.

Mr. Filter also questioned whether the height of some of the project's buildings may exceed airport height restrictions. The city of Waseca is working with Waseca County to revise the Waseca Municipal Airport Zoning Ordinance, created by the Waseca City-Waseca County Joint Airport Zoning Board. Any structure constructed within either the horizontal zone or conical zone surrounding the Waseca Airport will need to comply with Federal Aviation Authority height guidelines.

Thank you for providing HDR with an opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michelle F. Bissonnette'.

Michelle F. Bissonnette  
Senior Environmental Consultant

cc: Doug Ferber – NGPP  
Rus Miller – NGPP  
Lawrence Filter – Mn/DOT